

## Severe Weather in Scotland and Floods in France.

The King was disposed to be merciful, but the ministry were firm in their determination that the man should die, and State reasons prevailed. The prisoner was notified of his fate and was placed *en capillaire* at eight o'clock this morning." Accordingly to traditional usage, the condemned man is handed over to whatever brotherhood the

met by representatives of the corporation. He was driven to the Shelbourne Hotel,

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

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William Freeman, one of the gang of white convicts employed on the North River at Lexington, who escaped a few days since, was recaptured to-day at Gordonsville. He was dressed in citizen's clothes and when arrested was dining in a hotel. He gave information which led to the arrest of two others at Orange Court House. It is probable that Freeman's capture will ultimately lead to the arrest of the entire ten who escaped. The unprecedented cold weather will probably drive them from the woods to the haunts of civilization.

ness special knowledge or experience bearing on this subject; this plan should include one for a national system of quarantine; that it should take charge of any investigations into the causes and means of pre-

of State, Edward A. White, of Gardiner; Attorney General, William A. McLeelan, of Belfast; Adjutant General, Samuel D. Lovitt, Executive Councilmen—C. C. Mody, of York; Charles H. Chase, of Portland; and James M. Fogg, of Auburn; Simon Brown, of Bridgeton; Halsey H. Monroe, of Thomaston; John B. Foster, of Bangor; Frederick G. Parker, of Presque Isle.

The Convention then dissolved. Each branch appointed a committee to wait upon Governor Gardner and inform him of his election.

The branches adjourned to Tuesday afternoon.

The new Governor will probably be inaugurated on Wednesday.

Confirmed.

Cabinet meeting to-day, and in accordance with the recommendation of the concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives at the last session, it was decided that the Secretary of State should open formal negotiations with the Chinese government for modifications of the Burlingame Treaty, with a view to placing restriction upon Chinese immigration to this country.

**PROFITS ON THE COINAGE OF THE STANDARD SILVER DOLLAR.**

The Mint Bureau yesterday turned into the Treasury

reply that they have no power to correct the omission until after the records of their office have been examined. This will be commenced at once.

had to make similar substitutions for some of the other pieces, especially for "Curfew Must Not Ring To-night," which, by the way, is the only piece that is not in the new edition. The bells," both of which have been given too frequently and too well by other readers to be interesting as interpreted last night. The revival of those ancient, rather youthful school days, "The Maniac of the Mountains," was also unwise, as neither "Bernardo del Carpio," was also unwise, as neither are suited to Mrs. Siddons, who is distinctively an exponent of light comedy, as her rendering of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" has sufficiently indicated. But Mrs. Siddons' merit and faults as a reader are too well known

"The appointment of ex-Judge Gunning Bedford

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